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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, New Mexico ended 1983 with an unemployment rate of 8.9 percent, almost a full percentage point lower than at the end of 1982. A total of 53,100 New Mexicans were unemployed in December, which was 1,500 fewer than in November and 5,300 below one year ago. The jobless rate for the Nation in December was 8.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Total nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico increased by 900 jobs during December. In order to accommodate Christmas buying, trade recorded a large expansion of 2,200 jobs during the month. The services industry also added employment, due largely to the opening of the state's ski resorts for the 1983/1984 season. As it has since mid-1983, mining added a small number of jobs during the month, mostly in the coal and oil & gas areas. Construction employment dropped by 1,200 as cold weather hampered building activities. The only other sizeable employment decrease was in state government, the result of the holiday break at state supported universities.

Preliminary estimates indicate that total nonfarm employment in New Mexico grew by 9,400 jobs during 1983, and the increase was spread among most major industries. The largest growth was in services (+3,100), followed closely by construction (+3,000) and trade (+2,800). Mining employment was 1,700 lower than at the end of 1982; however all of the loss occurred in the first half of the year, and since then mining employment has gradually been on the upswing. The reduction of 1,100 in the transportation, communications & public utilities group was mainly the result of the divestiture of American Telephone and Telegraph and layoffs in the trucking subsector.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Dec. 1983	Revised Nov. 1983	Revised Dec. 1982	Change From Nov. 1983	Change From Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	599,900	601,500	596,500	-1,600	+3,400
Employment	546,800	546,900	538,100	- 100	+8,700
Unemployment	53,100	54,600	58,400	-1,500	-5,300
Rate	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC NOV 1983	Change From DEC 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	485,900	485,000	476,500	+ 900	+9,400
MINING	21,600	21,400	23,300	+ 200	-1,700
Metal Mining	4,500	4,600	4,600	- 100	- 100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,100	3,900	4,700	+ 200	- 600
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,000	12,900	14,000	+ 100	-1,000
CONSTRUCTION	33,800	35,000	30,800	-1,200	+3,000
MANUFACTURING	34,200	34,300	33,700	- 100	+ 500
Durable Goods	21,900	21,900	21,700	0	+ 200
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	+ 500
Transportation Equipment	3,800	3,700	4,500	+ 100	- 700
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,100	10,800	- 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,400	12,000	- 100	+ 300
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	4,000	3,700	- 100	+ 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,000	30,300	+ 200	-1,100
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,500	6,000	+ 200	- 300
Other Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	- 100
Communication	7,200	7,300	7,700	- 100	- 500
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	9,800	10,100	+ 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	117,100	114,900	114,300	+2,200	+2,800
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,900	23,100	0	- 200
Durable Goods	13,600	13,600	13,800	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0
Retail Trade	94,200	92,000	91,200	+2,200	+3,000
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	11,500	12,200	+1,000	+ 300
Food Stores	14,300	14,100	13,500	+ 200	+ 800
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,800	11,700	12,100	+ 100	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	31,700	31,800	30,400	- 100	+1,300
Other Retail Trade	23,900	22,900	23,000	+1,000	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,000	23,000	21,900	0	+1,100
Banking	8,100	8,000	7,800	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,500	9,500	8,700	0	+ 800
SERVICES	98,100	97,700	95,000	+ 400	+3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,900	10,100	10,100	- 200	- 200
Personal Services	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Business Services	22,300	22,100	21,300	+ 200	+1,000
Health Services	24,300	24,200	23,700	+ 100	+ 600
Social Services	6,200	6,300	6,300	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	5,100	5,200	4,600	- 100	+ 500
Other Services	25,500	25,000	24,100	+ 500	+1,400
GOVERNMENT	128,900	129,700	127,200	- 800	+1,700
Federal	29,100	29,000	28,600	+ 100	+ 500
State 2/	44,500	45,300	43,600	- 800	+ 900
Local	55,300	55,400	55,000	- 100	+ 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to the preliminary December 1983 labor force estimates the Albuquerque area economy continued to improve. Employment rose by 1,600 persons over the month; unemployment fell by 500; and the unemployment rate declined from 8.1 to 7.9 percent. For the second consecutive month, the jobless rate was a half a percentage point below the year ago mark.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment estimates for December indicate a 700 job increase from November and 6,800 growth from December 1982. Almost all the gains over the month came in retail trade due to increased hiring for the Christmas season. Specifically, the retail trade gains were in general merchandise (+400), apparel and accessories (+200), food stores (+100) and miscellaneous retail (+200). Offsetting the trade gains somewhat however were seasonal employment decreases in construction and government.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Dec. 1983	Revised Nov. 1983	Revised Dec. 1982	Change From Nov. 1983	Change From Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	228,400	227,300	222,300	+1,100	+6,100
Employment	210,400	208,800	203,700	+1,600	+6,700
Unemployment	18,000	18,500	18,600	- 500	-600
Rate	7.9%	8.1%	8.4%		

1/ Estimates of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence.

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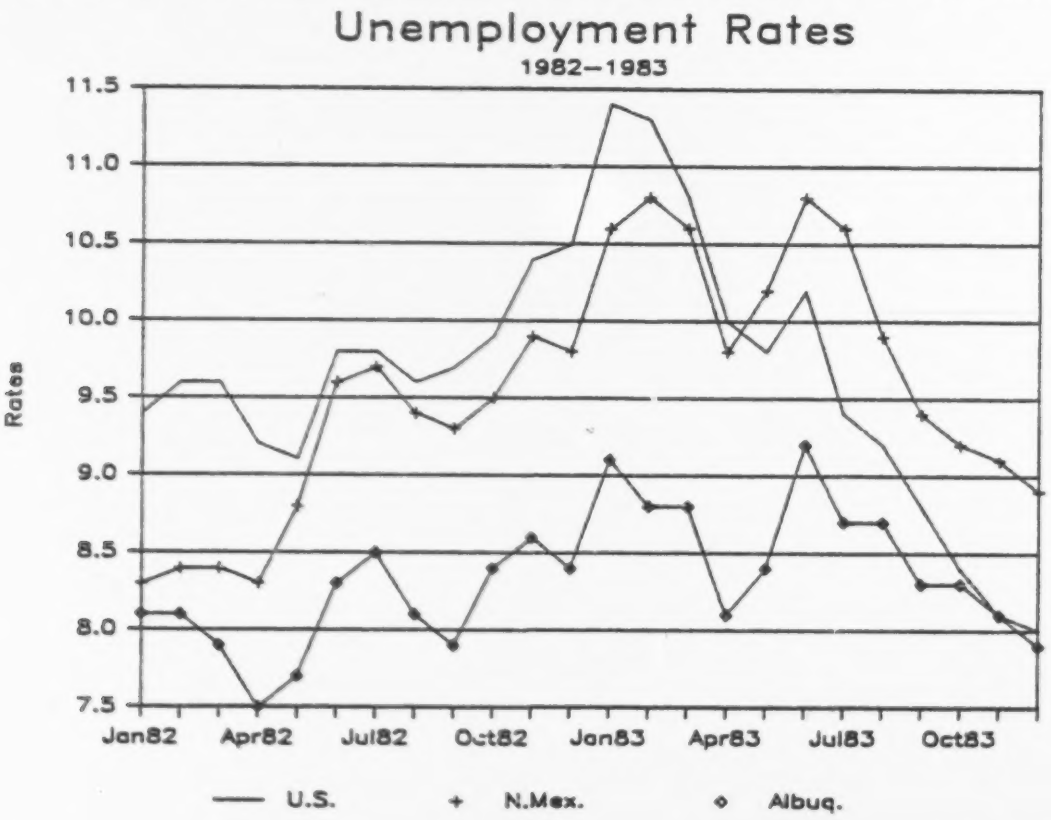

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC Change From NOV 1983	DEC Change From DEC 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	199,100	198,400	192,300	+ 700	+6,800
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	12,500	11,400	- 300	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,700	18,700	18,100	0	+ 600
Durable Goods	13,200	13,200	12,700	0	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,600	12,300	0	- 700
Transportation	4,900	4,800	5,300	+ 100	- 400
Communication	4,000	4,100	4,400	- 100	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	51,300	50,300	49,400	+1,000	+1,900
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,200	13,300	+ 100	0
Durable Goods	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,600	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	38,000	37,100	36,100	+ 900	+1,900
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,300	4,500	+ 400	+ 200
Food Stores	4,300	4,200	4,000	+ 100	+ 300
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,500	13,500	12,500	0	+1,000
Other Retail Trade	11,400	11,000	10,800	+ 400	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,700	11,600	11,000	+ 100	+ 700
Banking	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,100	50,000	47,600	+ 100	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	2,800	0	+ 400
Health Services	11,800	11,700	11,400	+ 100	+ 400
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,700	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	31,000	30,900	29,300	+ 100	+1,700
GOVERNMENT	43,500	43,700	42,500	- 200	+1,000
Federal	12,400	12,300	11,900	+ 100	+ 500
State	11,900	12,100	11,600	- 200	+ 300
Local	19,200	19,300	19,000	- 100	+ 200

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forced are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC Change From NOV 1983	DEC Change From DEC 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	33,850	33,675	32,050	+175	+1,800
CONSTRUCTION	2,025	2,050	1,600	- 25	+ 425
MANUFACTURING	2,925	2,975	2,725	- 50	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,225	1,325	+ 25	- 75
Transportation	650	600	625	+ 50	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	600	625	700	- 25	- 100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,875	6,675	6,175	+200	+ 700
Wholesale Trade	875	875	825	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	6,000	5,800	5,350	+200	+ 650
General Merchandise Stores	900	825	850	+ 75	+ 50
Food Stores	750	725	825	+ 25	- 75
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	800	775	775	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,400	2,350	1,800	+ 50	+ 600
Other Retail Trade	1,150	1,125	1,100	+ 25	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,300	1,225	+ 25	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,575	4,575	4,250	0	+ 325
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	550	575	625	- 25	- 75
Business Services	700	700	750	-0	- 50
Health Services	950	925	850	+ 25	+ 100
Social Services	300	300	225	0	+ 75
Other Services & Mining	2,075	2,075	1,800	0	+ 275
GOVERNMENT	14,875	14,875	14,750	0	+ 125
Federal	4,150	4,125	4,375	+ 25	- 225
State	5,925	5,950	5,725	- 25	+ 200
Local	4,800	4,800	4,650	0	+ 150

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$500.72	$488.59	$450.96	44.0	43.2	40.3	$11.38	$11.31	$11.19
CONSTRUCTION	383.42	348.50	365.39	35.7	34.0	34.7	10.74	10.25	10.53
MANUFACTURING	312.73	315.95	308.03	40.3	40.3	39.9	7.76	7.84	7.72
Durable Goods	318.77	318.80	329.66	40.3	40.1	40.8	7.91	7.95	8.08
Nondurable Gds	299.43	308.56	251.03	40.3	40.6	36.7	7.43	7.60	6.84
COMM and UTIL	419.39	412.90	397.03	38.3	40.8	41.1	10.95	10.12	9.66
TRADE *	254.07	254.16	237.47	36.4	35.3	36.2	6.98	7.20	6.56
BANKING	202.65	197.32	188.05	38.6	37.3	36.8	5.25	5.29	5.11
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$304.03	$302.71	$322.78	40.7	40.2	39.8	$ 7.47	$ 7.53	$ 8.11

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: New Mexico is scheduled to receive more than $22.4 million from the Department of Labor for state job training programs. The bulk of the money, $16.4 million, will be used to implement the new Job Training Partnership Act(JTPA). JTPA funds will provide training for hardcore unemployed youth and dislocated workers, and provide summer jobs for young people.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Memorial Hospital reopened as a psychiatric hospital on January 16. Forty beds are available initially, but that number will be increased to 84 when a $3 million renovation is completed in 1985. The hospital initially will employ about 50 people, and after the renovation employment will increase to about 125. Rivendell of America Inc. plans to build a $5.8 million psychiatric hospital in Sandoval County between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The hospital expects to employ about 100 people when completed. Sandia Pueblo's bingo operation opened in January employing about 120 people. The Bernalillo County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center formally dedicated a new $1.6 million wing for adolescent and geriatric patients. The center will be hiring and training a staff for its new adolescent inpatient program. A $7.1 million renovation project on the east-west runway at Albuquerque International Airport began in January and will continue through July. Sunbell Corp., a jewelry-manufacturing and giftware firm that started business in Albuquerque nearly 50 years ago, laid off about 60 of its 123 employees in January. The company at its peak in the mid-1970s employed 550 people. The J.C. Penney Credit Center on Albuquerque's west side, which began hiring in 1981, now employs about 200 people with an annual payroll of $2 million. Two million dollars in federal funds have been received by the City of Albuquerque to build an additional runway and parallel taxiway at the Double Eagle II airport. The runway and taxiway construction is expected to be complete by the end of 1984. Devore Aviation plans to build a 70,000-square-foot manufacturing plant at the Double Eagle II airport. Devore will build a 2-seat trainer airplane and plans to be in operation by the spring of 1985. The new St. Joseph West Side Hospital, under construction on the west mesa, should be open in August. The hospital will employ about 300 people when fully staffed. Housing construction more than doubled in Albuquerque during 1983, compared with the previous year. A total of 2,251 permits with a total value of $129.7 million were issued during 1983 for construction of single-family homes. That compares with the 1982 figures of 997 homes worth nearly $53.8 million. For apartments, 55 permits were issued during 1983 for the building of 831 units worth $15.4 million, compared with 25 permits and 670 units with a value of $11.4 million in 1982. Honeywell's Residential Division is reducing the work force at its assembly plant in Albuquerque by about 100 employees. The reduction includes production and support personnel from all departments and is effective February 3. Honeywell will continue to employ about 180 people at it Albuquerque plant.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Developers of Fantasy Mountain, a $3.5 million amusement park planned for an 18-acre site near Ruidoso Downs Race Track, have predicted that construction will start on the facility by early February. Ruidoso Recreation Incorporated is the developer of Fantasy Mountain.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: A large shopping center is being planned for the south side of Carlsbad. The proposed 100,000 square foot center will include a large department store, a supermarket and several smaller retail stores. Work is approximately 75 percent complete on the U.S. 285 relocation project between Carlsbad and Artesia. Tezak Contractors is the contractor for the $3.5 million highway project.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) is scheduled

to begin work on its $6 million, 216 mile powerline project in March. The powerline will run from Clovis to PNM's station north of Albuquerque. The project is expected to employ 250 construction workers and be completed by January 1985. Portales Valley Mills has closed its peanut-butter manufacturing plant in Portales, resulting in the layoff of about 30 persons.

DEMING AREA: Work has started on the first phase of a multi-million dollar winery complex near Deming. Uras Farming Corporation is constructing a wine plant next to the firm's 420 acres of grape vines. Uras Farming hopes to begin producing one million bottles of wine per year beginning this fall, and eventually the firm wants to plant 5,000 acres of grape vines.

ESPANOLA AREA: Espanola will receive $350,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to replace the Hamm Parkway animal shelter. Rio Arriba County will receive $500,412 from the Community Block Grant program and the Emergency Jobs Bill. The grant is for the establishment of a day-care center in Canones and rehabilitation of 45 homes in the Espanola area. Yeargin Western Constructors will construct 16.9 miles of access road to the Sims Mesa recreation area of Navajo Lake. The $4.7 million project will start as soon as weather permits.

FARMINGTON AREA: The first mobile home rolled out of the new $2 million Cavalier Homes plant in December. The company now employs about 70 workers and plans to add another 70 or 80 people by March.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA: Operations began in December at the Plains Electric Escalante Generating Station near Prewitt, and the plant will be undergoing tests from January through December 1984. The plant is currently employing about 90 people. The Lee Ranch Coal Mine is about 60 percent completed. The mine will employ 90 to 100 permanent employees when it goes into full operation later this year. The new $20 million state prison near Grants is about 70 percent complete, and the facility is expected to open in September. The prison construction provides about 120 jobs, and when completed, the prison will employ about 150 full-time workers.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Building permit issuances in Hobbs during 1983 were valued at $29.9 million, almost 10 percent less than the $33.1 million valuation of 1982 building permits. W.A. Jourdan Construction Company has started a $1.5 million remodeling project at Lovington High School. The Foodway store at Bel Aire Shopping Center in Hobbs has closed. A new $225,000 Grandy's Country Cookin' restaurant will open in Hobbs by early March with about 80 employees.

LAS CRUCES AREA: White Sands Missile Range has awarded a $11.3 million contract to a Michigan business for research on atmospheric factors. Officials of Optimetrics Incorporated estimate approximately 25 persons will be involved in the research effort. A $5.5 million shopping center is under construction at the corner of Foothills Road and Telshor Boulevard. The 78,000 square foot "High Range Plaza" will house 20 retail stores when completed this November. Building permits issued by the City of Las Cruces during 1983 totaled to 2,075 with a valuation of approximately $51 million, a significant increase from the 1,599 permits with a $36 million valuation issued in 1982.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Community development project grants were approved for San Miguel and Mora Counties. Non-rural project grants approved were $150,000 for the old town plaza rehabilitation in Las Vegas, and $120,000 for housing rehabilitation in Mora County. A rural project grant approved was $40,000 to San Miguel County for a solid waste disposal facility at Villanueva. M.G.M. has completed the filming of "Red Dawn" in Las Vegas. The movie helped the Las Vegas economy by employing about 500 local people and spending money for materials, leases, rents, etc.

RATON AREA: Due to weather conditions, Herzog Construction has suspended operations on the Highway 72 bridge replacement

and the Interstate 25 resurfacing project. Both projects employed from 50 to 75 workers. A new $2.5 million Farmers Bank building is planned in Clayton. The new building will be located on South First St. and should be completed by June 1985. Right-of-way acquisition is under way to construct Amoco's 210-mile Bravo pipeline system which will carry carbon dioxide from northeastern New Mexico to the Permian Basin of West Texas. Amoco Production has drilled more than 250 wells in the Bravo Dome carbon dioxide gas unit near Clayton. Pacific Studs in Cimarron has stopped operations at their sawmill to due adverse weather conditions. The sawmill has laid off about 50 employees.

ROSWELL AREA: The new $1.5 million First City National Bank building is completed after 13 months of construction.

SANTA FE AREA: The Santa Fe City Council has approved industrial revenue bonds to finance two projects. Given final approval were issues of $7.8 million to Jay Roehl and Associates for a new Cerrillos Road motel and $1.2 million to McMim Co. to build an office building on West Manhattan Avenue. Nambe Mills Inc. of Santa Fe will be expanding to year-round work and adding a second shift. Ninety-four people are employed full-time now, and about half that amount will be employed for the second shift. Nambe Mills produces metal cook-and-serve products. Villa Marika, a $20 million resort-hotel complex planned for a location 15 miles southwest of Santa Fe, has received preliminary development approval from the County Development Review Committee. Resort plans call for two restaurants, a lodge, a conference center and a health club, to be built on 25 of the development's 170-acre site. The start of the 1984 Legislature means about 200 temporary jobs in the capital. The jobs will last through the 30-day legislative session. A new $450,000, 60-unit Super 8 Motel is being built on Cerillos Road. The motel construction is expected to be completed in February. Bell's Family Store will close in February after 58 years in Santa Fe. The store employs 14 people.

SILVER CITY AREA: Work is approximately one-half completed on the new $35 million copper recovery plant at Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone mine. The plant is expected to be operational this summer and employ 16 operators and maintenance personnel.

SOCORRO/BELEN AREA: The Belen City Council approved the issuance of $2.9 million in industrial revenue bonds to build a 100-bed nursing home. The nursing home, to be built by Care More Inc., will be called Belen Health Care Limited. The Torrance County Commissioners have signed resolutions declaring the counties' intent to authorize the issuance of industrial development bonds to 10 of 12 light manufacturing plants planning to locate there. Two companies are not seeking financing through these bonds. The companies would engage in light manufacturing such as making contact lenses, fire and safety equipment, clothing, furniture assembly, and fat rendering.

TAOS AREA: Taos Ski Valley opened in mid-December with more than 300 workers who receive a total of $2.5 million in wages during ski season. Taos host about 3,000 skiers a day during ski season, each spending about $105 each day of an average four-day stay. Amalia Lumber Company has laid off about 50 workers because of the deep snow conditions in the forest. Amalia Lumber now employs about 32 people.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

December 1983 CPI-U 303.5 (Base 1967=100)

CPI-W 301.5

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1983 1/				REVISED NOVEMBER 1983 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	599,952	546,830	53,122	8.9%	601,474	546,914	54,560	9.1%	596,521	538,107	58,414	9.8%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	228,463	210,425	18,038	7.9%	227,332	208,798	18,534	8.2%	222,326	203,696	18,630	8.4%
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	40,915	37,630	3,285	8.0%	41,760	38,125	3,635	8.7%	38,850	35,259	3,591	9.2%
Catron	880	732	148	16.8%	947	806	141	14.9%	945	739	206	21.8%
Chaves	24,312	22,511	1,801	7.4%	24,599	22,803	1,796	7.3%	24,340	22,828	1,512	6.2%
Cibola	11,019	9,457	1,562	14.2%	11,050	9,303	1,747	15.8%	12,490	9,541	2,949	23.6%
Colfax	6,850	5,930	920	13.4%	6,720	5,663	1,057	15.7%	6,552	5,686	866	13.2%
Curry	14,868	13,737	1,131	7.6%	15,094	13,832	1,262	8.4%	14,944	13,777	1,167	7.8%
De Baca	976	921	55	5.6%	1,014	959	55	5.4%	1,004	954	50	5.0%
Eddy	23,789	21,158	2,631	11.1%	24,197	21,368	2,829	11.7%	24,985	22,570	2,415	9.7%
Grant	9,858	8,504	1,354	13.7%	10,105	8,654	1,451	14.4%	10,834	7,450	3,384	31.2%
Guadalupe	1,522	1,394	128	8.4%	1,581	1,453	128	8.1%	1,375	1,299	76	5.5%
Harding	590	585	5	0.8%	622	615	7	1.1%	513	497	16	3.1%
Hidalgo	2,383	2,218	165	6.9%	2,476	2,300	176	7.1%	2,530	2,253	277	10.9%
Lea	32,232	30,550	1,682	5.2%	32,855	30,892	1,963	6.0%	34,563	32,654	1,909	5.5%
Lincoln	7,218	6,800	418	5.8%	7,320	6,914	406	5.5%	7,019	6,707	312	4.4%
Los Alamos	10,955	10,695	260	2.4%	10,770	10,577	193	1.8%	10,570	10,321	249	2.4%
Luna	4,912	4,327	585	11.9%	5,019	4,423	596	11.9%	5,046	4,436	610	12.1%
McKinley	17,223	15,283	1,940	11.3%	17,079	15,061	2,018	11.8%	17,902	15,349	2,553	14.3%
Mora	1,112	720	392	35.3%	1,130	776	354	31.3%	1,155	781	374	32.4%
Otero	14,486	13,214	1,272	8.8%	14,327	13,186	1,141	8.0%	14,609	13,360	1,249	8.5%
Quay	5,350	4,903	447	8.4%	5,268	4,851	417	7.9%	5,027	4,518	509	10.1%
Rio Arriba	11,696	9,497	2,199	18.8%	11,346	9,471	1,875	16.5%	11,456	9,064	2,392	20.9%
Roosevelt	8,014	7,571	443	5.5%	8,398	7,943	455	5.4%	7,931	7,495	436	5.5%
San Juan	37,720	32,831	4,889	13.0%	37,968	33,100	4,868	12.8%	39,239	34,190	5,049	12.9%
San Miguel	8,294	7,261	1,033	12.5%	8,691	7,687	1,004	11.6%	9,009	7,783	1,226	13.6%
Santa Fe	39,866	37,354	2,512	6.3%	39,283	36,727	2,556	6.5%	37,958	35,438	2,520	6.6%
Sierra	2,465	2,339	126	5.1%	2,535	2,394	141	5.6%	2,530	2,345	185	7.3%
Socorro	4,746	4,303	443	9.3%	5,012	4,605	407	8.1%	4,824	4,337	487	10.1%
Taos	11,491	9,679	1,812	15.8%	11,016	9,187	1,829	16.6%	10,490	8,817	1,673	15.9%
Torrance	2,262	2,108	154	6.8%	2,312	2,141	171	7.4%	2,222	2,113	109	4.9%
Union	2,776	2,639	137	4.9%	3,035	2,901	134	4.4%	2,397	2,212	185	7.7%
Valencia	10,709	9,554	1,155	10.8%	10,613	9,399	1,214	11.4%	10,886	9,638	1,248	11.5%

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